



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re
Application of: Howard Tanner, et al.
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For: AN INTRODUCER SHEATH FOR USE DURING A SURGICAL
PROCEDURE
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sirs:

In response to the Office Action dated April 9, 2004, please consider the following remarks regarding the above-referenced patent application. The present claims in the application are reflected in the listing which begins on page 2 of this paper. Applicants remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.